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Inquiry: I am a Cardiopulmonary Manager working at a fairly busy rural hospital which averages 3-4 in-patients and has a busy ER. We work alone (48 to 72 hr shifts) 12 on during the day and 12 on-call at night and average 2 calls per night. We do Stress EKGs, EKGs, Holters Blood Gases, Spirometrys Treatments, Oxygen and Codes. Another center located 2 blocks away has 8 trach patients, including 5 ventilator patients. The center desires to contract with the medical center to provide patient assessment of the center's nursing and therapy staffs, to assist the center's staff in the provision of respiratory care to the patients, as well as other services. What I really want to know is who can we teach our jobs to and should we?

Response: In response to your inquiry regarding as to who you can teach your jobs to and should you, please be advised that the RCB cannot comment on the provisions of an agreement between organizations, unless the RCB is a party to the agreement.

Further, the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) recognizes overlapping functions of appropriately licensed health care personnel in the practice of respiratory care within an organized health care system. The RCPA contains no prohibition in regards to licensed respiratory care practitioners providing training and education to appropriately licensed persons in the practice of respiratory care. However, the RCB has determined that training unlicensed persons in the practice of respiratory care is a violation of the RCPA.

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